FEB / 1 1989 HOUSE FILE 371 BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES Place On Calender LAN Liman t peramind. (SUCCESSOR TO HSB 143) 89 (0.099) Passed House, Date 31-89(p.613) Passed Senate, Date 4-12.89(p.138)Vote: Ayes 94 Nays O Vote: Ayes 45 Nays O 52-89(22327) Approved _ A Design Charles - 19-59 80 Nota <u>que anin C</u> A BILL FOR 1 An Act relating to emergency medical care providers, and providing penalties. 2 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: HOUSE FILE 371 S-3501 R 37 Amend House File 371 as follows: 1 1. Page 8, line 23, by inserting after the word 3 "designee," the following: "or". By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES BEVERLY HANNON, Chairperson S-3501 FILED MARCH 30, 1989 Adopted 4 12-89 (p. 1389)

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1 147A.1 DEFINITIONS.

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 3 requires:

4 1. "Advanced emergency medical care" means such medical
 5 procedures as:

6 a. Administration of intravenous solutions.

7 b. Intubation.

8 c. Performance of cardiac defibrillation and synchronized 9 cardioversion.

10 d. Administration of emergency drugs as provided by rule 11 by the board.

12 e. Any other medical procedure approved by the board, by 13 rule, as appropriate to be performed by advanced EMPs-and 14 paramedics emergency medical care providers who have been 15 trained in that procedure.

16 2. "EMT" is an abbreviation used in lieu of the term 17 "emergency medical technician".

18 3:-- "Basic-EMT"-means-an-individual-who-has-satisfactorily 19 completed-the-United-States-department-of-transportation's 20 prescribed-course-for-basic-EMTs;-as-modified-for-this-state; 21 and-adopted-by-rule-by-the-board;-but-who-is-not-certified-to 22 perform-any-of-the-procedures-listed-in-subsection-l;

4 3. "Advanced EMT emergency medical care provider" means
24 an individual trained to provide advanced emergency medical
25 care at the first-responder-defibrillation, EMT-

26 <u>defibrillation</u>, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic level or other 27 <u>certification levels adopted by rule by the board</u>, and who has 28 been issued an-advanced-EMT <u>a</u> certificate by the board. 29 <u>5---"Paramedic"-means-an-individual-trained-in-all-areas-of</u>

30 advanced-emergency-medical-care;-and-who-has-been-issued-a 31 paramedic-certificate-by-the-board;

32 $6 \underline{4}$. "Director" means the director of the Iowa department 33 of public health.

34 7 5. "Department" means the Iowa department of public 35 health. S.F. ____ H.F. 371

1 <u>8 6</u>. "Board" means the board of medical examiners 2 appointed pursuant to section 147.14, subsection 2.

3 9 7. "Physician" means an individual licensed under 4 chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

5 Sec. 7. Section 147A.4, Code 1989, is amended to read as 6 follows:

7 147A.4 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

8 1. The department shall adopt rules required or authorized 9 by this chapter pertaining to the operation of ambulance, 10 services and rescue, squed and first response services which 11 have received authorization under section 147A.5 to utilize 12 the services of certified advanced EMTs-or-parametics 13 emergency medical care providers. These rules shall include, 14 but need not be limited to, requirements concerning physician 15 supervision, necessary equipment and staffing, and reporting 16 by ambulance, services-and rescue, squad and first response 17 services which have received the authorization pursuant to 18 section 147A.5.

19 2. The board shall adopt rules required or authorized by 20 this chapter pertaining to the examination and certification 21 of advanced EMTs-and-paramedics emergency medical care 22 providers. These rules shall include, but need not be limited 23 to, requirements concerning prerequisites, training, and 24 experience for advanced EMTs-and-paramedics emergency medical 25 care providers and procedures for determining when individuals 26 have met these requirements.

The board shall establish the fee for the examination of the advanced EMTs-and-paramedics <u>emergency medical care</u> <u>providers</u> to cover the administrative costs of the examination program.

31 Sec. 8. Section 147A.5, subjections 1 and 3, Code 1989, 32 are amended to read as follows:

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1 1. An ambulance, service-or rescue, squad or first 2 response service in this state requiring-engaged-in 3 transporting-patients, that desires to provide advanced 4 emergency medical care before-or-during-the-transportation in 5 the prehospital setting, shall apply to the department for 6 authorization to establish a program utilizing certified 7 advanced EMPs-or-paramedics emergency medical care providers 8 for delivery of the care at the scene of an emergency, during 9 transportation to a hospital, or while in the hospital 10 emergency department, and until care is directly assumed by a 11 physician or by authorized hospital personnel.

12 3. The department may deny an application for 13 authorization to establish a program utilizing the services of 14 certified advanced EMTs-or-paramedics emergency medical care 15 providers, or may place on probation, suspend, or revoke 16 existing authorization if the department finds reason to 17 believe the program has not been or will not be operated in 18 compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to 19 this chapter, or that there is insufficient assurance of 20 adequate protection for the public. The denial or period of 21 probation, suspension, or revocation shall be effected and may 22 be appealed as provided by section 17A.12.

23 Sec. 9. Section 147A.6, Code 1989, is amended to read as 24 follows:

25 147A.6 ADVANCED EMP-AND-PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE 26 PROVIDER CERTIFICATES -- RENEWAL.

1. The board, upon application and receipt of the prescribed fee, shall issue a certificate attesting to the qualifications of an individual who has met all of the requirements for advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical <u>care provider</u> certification established by the rules <u>promulgated adopted</u> under section 147A.4, subsection 2.

An-advanced-EMT-or-paramedic-certificate-is Advanced
 emergency medical care provider certificates are valid for the
 multiyear period determined by the board, unless sooner

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1 suspended or revoked. The certificate shall be renewed upon 2 application of the holder and receipt of the prescribed fee if 3 the holder has satisfactorily completed continuing medical 4 education programs as required by rule.

5 Sec. 10. Section 147A.7, subsection 1, Code 1989, is 6 amended to read as follows:

1. The board may deny an application for issuance or 8 renewal of an advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical care 9 provider certificate, or suspend or revoke the certificate 10 when it finds that the applicant or certificate holder is 11 guilty of any of the following acts or offenses:

12 a. Negligence in performing authorized services.

13 b. Failure to follow the directions of the supervising 14 physician.

15 c. Rendering treatment not authorized under this chapter.

16 d. Fraud in procuring certification.

1/ e. Professional incompetency.

18 f. Knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue or 19 fraudulent representation in the practice of a profession or 20 engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or 21 detrimental to the public. Proof of actual injury need not be 22 established.

g. Habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of drugs.
h. Fraud in representations as to skill or ability.
i. Willful or repeated violations of this chapter or of

26 rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

j. Violating a statute of this state, another state, or the United States, without regard to its designation as either a felony or misdemeanor, which relates to the practice of an advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider. A copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty is conclusive evidence of the violation.

k. Having certification to practice as an advanced EMP-or
 34 paramedic emergency medical care provider revoked or
 35 suspended, or having other disciplinary action taken by a

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licensing or certifying authority of another state, territory,
 or country. A certified copy of the record or order of
 suspension, revocation, or disciplinary action is conclusive
 or prima facie evidence.

5 Sec. 11. Section 147A.8, Code 1989, is amended to read as 6 follows:

7 147A.8 AUTHORITY OF CERTIFIED ADVANCED EMP-OR-PARAMEBIE
8 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER.

9 An advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical care 10 provider properly certified under this chapter may:

11 1. Render advanced emergency medical care, rescue, and 12 lifesaving services in those areas for which the advanced EMP 13 or-paramedic emergency medical care provider is certified, as 14 defined and approved in accordance with the rules of the 15 board, at the scene of an emergency, during transportation to 16 a hospital or while in the hospital emergency department, and 17 until care is directly assumed by a physician or by authorized 18 hospital personnel.

19 2. Function in any hospital when:

20 a. Enrolled as a student or participating as a preceptor21 in a training program approved by the board; or

b. Fulfilling continuing education requirements as definedby rule; or

c. Employed by or assigned to a hospital as a member of an authorized ambulance, service-or rescue, squad-for-prehospital eare or first response service, by rendering lifesaving reservices in the facility in which employed or assigned pursuant to the advanced EMT's-or-paramedie's emergency <u>medical care provider's certification and under the direct</u> supervision of a physician or registered nurse. When <u>An</u> <u>advanced emergency medical care provider shall not routicely</u> <u>function without the direct supervision of a physician or</u> <u>registered nurse. However, when the physician or registered</u> nurse cannot directly assume emergency care of the patient, the advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider

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1 may perform without direct supervision advanced emergency 2 medical care procedures for which that individual is certified 3 if in-the-judgment-of-the-physician-or-registered-marse the 4 life of the patient is in immediate danger and such care is 5 required to preserve the patient's life; or

6 d. Employed by or assigned to a hospital as a member of an 7 authorized ambulance, service-or rescue, squad-for-prehospital 8 care or first response service to perform nonlifesaving 9 procedures for which those individuals have been trained and 10 are designated in a written job description. Such procedures 11 may be performed after the patient is observed by and when the 12 advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider is 13 under the supervision of the physician or registered nurse and 14 where the procedure may be immediately abandoned without risk 15 to the patient.

16 Sec. 12. Section 147A.9, Code 1989, is amended to read as 17 follows:

18 147A.9 REMOTE SUPERVISION OF ADVANCED EMT-OR-PARAMEDIC 19 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS -- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION 20 FAILURE -- AUTHORIZATION OF IMMEDIATE LIFESAVING PROCEDURES. 21 1. When voice contact or a telemetered electrocardiogram 22 is monitored by a physician or physician's designee, and 23 direct communication is maintained, an advanced EMT-or-a 24 paramedic emergency medical care provider may upon order of 25 the monitoring physician or upon standing orders of a 26 physician transmitted by the monitoring physician's designee 27 perform any advanced emergency medical care procedure for 28 which that advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care 29 provider is certified.

30 2. If communications fail during an emergency situation, 31 the advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider 32 may perform any advanced emergency medical care procedure for 33 which that individual is certified and which is included in 34 written protocols if in the judgment of the advanced EMT-or 35 paramedic emergency medical care provider the life of the

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1 patient is in immediate danger and such care is required to 2 preserve the patient's life.

3 3. The board shall adopt rules to authorize the 4 institution of lifesaving procedures in accordance with 5 written protocols in instances where the establishment of 6 communication in lieu of immediate action may cause patient 7 harm or death.

8 Sec. 13. Section 147A.10, Code 1989, is amended to read as
9 Follows:

10 147A.10 EXEMPTIONS FROM LIABILITY IN CERTAIN
11 CIRCUMSTANCES.

12 1. A physician or physician's designee who gives orders, 13 either directly or via communications equipment from some 14 other point, to an appropriately certified advanced EMT-or 15 paramedic emergency medical care provider at the scene of an 16 emergency, and an appropriately certified advanced EMT-or 17 paramedic emergency medical care provider following the 18 orders, are not subject to criminal liability by reason of 19 having issued or executed the orders, and are not liable for 20 civil damages for acts or omissions relating to the issuance 21 or execution of the orders unless the acts or omissions 22 constitute recklessness.

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22. A physician, physician's designee, advanced EMP-or 24 paramedic emergency medical care provider shall not be subject 25 to civil liability solely by reason of failure to obtain 26 consent before rendering emergency medical, surgical, hospital 27 or health services to any individual, regardless of age, when 28 the patient is unable to give consent for any reason and there 29 is no other person reasonably available who is legally 30 authorized to consent to the providing of such care.

31 3. An act of commission or omission of any appropriately 32 certified advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical care 33 provider while rendering advanced emergency medical care under 34 the responsible supervision and control of a physician to a 35 person who is deemed by them to be in immediate danger of

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1 serious injury or loss of life, shall not impose any liability 2 apon the certified advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical 3 care provider, the supervising physician, or any hospital, or 4 upon the state, or any county, city or other political 5 subdivision, or the employees of any of these entities; 6 provided that this section shall not relieve any person of 7 liability for civil damages for any act of commission or 8 omission which constitutes recklessness.

9 Sec. 14. Section 147A.11, Code 1989, is amended to read as 10 follows:

147A.11 PROHIBITED ACTS.

12 1. Any person not certified as required by this chapter 13 who claims to be an advanced EMP-ot-a-paramedic emergency 14 medical care provider, or who uses any other term to indicate 15 or imply that the person is an advanced EMP-or-a-paramedic 16 emergency medical care provider, or who acts as an advanced 17 EMP-or-a-paramedic emergency medical care provider without 18 having obtained the appropriate certificate under this 19 chapter, is guilty of a class "D" felony.

20 2. An owner of an unauthorized ambulance, service-or 21 rescue, squad or first response service in this state who 22 operates or purports to operate an authorized ambulance, 23 service-or rescue, squad-services or first response service, 24 or who uses any term to indicate or imply such authorization 25 without having obtained the appropriate authorization under 26 this chapter, is guilty of a class "D" felony.

3. Any person who imparts or conveys, or causes to be
imparted or conveyed, or attempts to impart or convey false
information concerning the need for assistance of an
ambulance, service-or-a rescue, squad or first response
service or of any personnel or equipment thereof, knowing such
information to be false, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
Sec. 15. Section 147A.12, subsection 1, Code 1989, is
amended to read as follows:

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1 licensed pursuant to chapter 152, from staffing an authorized 2 ambulance, service-or rescue, squad or first response service 3 provided the registered nurse can document equivalency through 4 education and additional skills training essential in the 5 delivery of prehospital emergency care. The equivalency shall 6 be accepted when:

7 a. Documentation has been reviewed and approved at the 8 local level by the medical director of the ambulance, or 9 rescue, squad or first response service in accordance with the 10 rules of the board of nursing developed jointly with the board 11 of medical examiners.

b. Authorization has been granted to that ambulance, or
rescue, squad or first response service by the department.
Sec. 16. Section 232.68, subsection 4, Code 1989, is
amended to read as follows:

16 4. "Health practitioner" includes a licensed physician and 17 surgeon, osteopath, osteopathic physician and surgeon, 18 dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or chiropractor; a resident 19 or intern in any of such professions; and any a registered 20 nurse or licensed practical nurse; and a basic emergency 21 medical care provider certified under section 147.161 or an 22 advanced emergency medical care provider certified under

23 <u>section 147A.6</u>.

24 Sec. 17. Section 232.69, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 25 1989, is amended to read as follows:

26 b. Every self-employed social worker, every social worker 27 under the jurisdiction of the department of human services, 28 any social worker employed by a public or private agency or 29 institution, public or private health care facility as defined 30 in section 135C.1, certified psychologist, certificated school 31 employee, employee or operator of a licensed child care center 32 or registered group day care home or registered family day 33 care home, individual licensee under chapter 237, member of 34 the staff of a mental health center, peace officer, dental 35 hygienist, counselor, paramedic, or mental health S.F. H.F. 371

1	professional, who, in the course of employment or in providing
	child foster care, examines, attends, counsels or treats a
_	child and reasonably believes a child has suffered abuse.
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5	This bill establishes the category of advanced emergency
6	medical care provider. The new category makes it possible for
	first responders to use advanced emergency medical care
	procedures in the emergency prehospital setting. The bill
	also extends mandatory reporting of child and adult abuse to
10	all basic and advanced emergency medical care providers.
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9 7. "Physician" means an individual licensed under
 2 chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

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17 2. The board shall adopt rules required or authorized by 18 this chapter pertaining to the examination and certification 19 of advanced EMPs-and-paramedics <u>emergency medical care</u> 20 <u>providers</u>. These rules shall include, but need not be limited 21 to, requirements concerning prerequisites, training, and 22 experience for advanced EMPs-and-paramedics <u>emergency medical</u> 23 <u>care providers</u> and procedures for determining when individuals 24 have met these requirements.

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An ambulance, service-or rescue, squad or first
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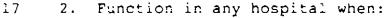
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18 a. Enrolled as a student or participating as a preceptor19 in a training program approved by the board; or

b. Fulfilling continuing education requirements as defined21 by rule; or

Employed by or assigned to a hospital as a member of an 22 c. 23 authorized ambulance, service-or rescue, squad-for-prehospital 24 care or first response service, by rendering lifesaving 25 services in the facility in which employed or assigned 26 pursuant to the advanced EMP1s-or-paramedic1s emergency 27 medical care provider's certification and under the direct 28 supervision of a physician or registered nurse. When the 29 physician or registered nurse cannot directly assume emergency 30 care of the patient, the advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency 31 medical care provider may perform without direct supervision 32 advanced emergency medical care procedures for which that 33 individual is certified if in-the-judgment-of-the-physician-or 34 registered-nurse the life of the patient is in immediate 35 danger and such care is required to preserve the patient's

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d. Employed by or assigned to a hospital as a member of an authorized ambulance, service-or rescue, squad-for-prehospital deare or first response service to perform nonlifesaving procedures for which those individuals have been trained and are designated in a written job description. Such procedures may be performed after the patient is observed by and when the advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider is under the supervision of the physician or registered nurse and where the procedure may be immediately abandoned without risk to the patient.

12 Sec. 12. Section 147A.9, Code 1989, is amended to read as 13 follows:

14 147A.9 REMOTE SUPERVISION OF ADVANCED EMT-OR-PARAMEDIE 15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS -- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION 16 FAILURE -- AUTHORIZATION OF IMMEDIATE LIFESAVING PROCEDURES. 17 1. When voice contact or a telemetered electrocardiogram 18 is monitored by a physician or physician's designee, and 19 direct communication is maintained, an advanced EMT-or-a 20 paramedic emergency medical care provider may upon order of 21 the monitoring physician or upon standing orders of a 22 physician transmitted by the monitoring physician's designee 23 perform any advanced emergency medical care procedure for 24 which that advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care 25 provider is certified.

26 2. If communications fail during an emergency situation, 27 the advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider 28 may perform any advanced emergency medical care procedure for 29 which that individual is certified and which is included in 30 written protocols if in the judgment of the advanced EMT-or 31 paramedic emergency medical care provider the life of the 32 patient is in immediate danger and such care is required to 33 preserve the patient's life.

34 3. The board shall adopt rules to authorize the35 institution of lifesaving procedures in accordance with

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1 written protocols in instances where the establishment of 2 communication in lieu of immediate action may cause patient 3 harm or death.

4 Sec. 13. Section 147A.10, Code 1989, is amended to read as 5 follows:

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8 1. A physician or physician's designee who gives orders, 9 either directly or via communications equipment from some 10 other point, to an appropriately certified advanced EMT-or 11 paramedic emergency medical care provider at the scene of an 12 emergency, and an appropriately certified advanced EMT-or 13 paramedic emergency medical care provider following the 14 orders, are not subject to criminal liability by reason of 15 having issued or executed the orders, and are not liable for 16 civil damages for acts or omissions relating to the issuance 17 or execution of the orders unless the acts or omissions 18 constitute recklessness.

19 2. A physician, physician's designee, advanced EMP-or 20 paramedic <u>emergency medical care provider</u> shall not be subject 21 to civil liability solely by reason of failure to obtain 22 consent before rendering emergency medical, surgical, hospital 23 or health services to any individual, regardless of age, when 24 the patient is unable to give consent for any reason and there 25 is no other person reasonably available who is legally 26 authorized to consent to the providing of such care.

3. An act of commission or omission of any appropriately certified advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider while rendering advanced emergency medical care under the responsible supervision and control of a physician to a person who is deemed by them to be in immediate danger of serious injury or loss of life, shall not impose any liability augon the certified advanced EMT-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider, the supervising physician, or any hospital, or upon the state, or any county, city or other political

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1 subdivision, or the employees of any of these entities; 2 provided that this section shall not relieve any person of 3 liability for civil damages for any act of commission or 4 omission which constitutes recklessness.

5 Sec. 14. Section 147A.11, Code 1989, is amended to read as 6 follows:

7 147A.11 PROHIBITED ACTS.

8 1. Any person not certified as required by this chapter 9 who claims to be an advanced EMT-or-a-paramedic <u>emergency</u> 10 <u>medical care provider</u>, or who uses any other term to indicate 11 or imply that the person is an advanced EMT-or-a-paramedic 12 <u>emergency medical care provider</u>, or who acts as an advanced 13 EMT-or-a-paramedic <u>emergency medical care provider</u> without 14 having obtained the appropriate certificate under this 15 chapter, is guilty of a class "D" felony.

16 2. An owner of an unauthorized ambulance, service-or 17 rescue, squad or first response service in this state who 18 operates or purports to operate an authorized ambulance, 19 service-or rescue, squad-services or first response service, 20 or who uses any term to indicate or imply such authorization 21 without having obtained the appropriate authorization under 22 this chapter, is guilty of a class "D" felony.

3. Any person who imparts or conveys, or causes to be
imparted or conveyed, or attempts to impart or convey false
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ambulance, service-or-a rescue, squad or first response
service or of any personnel or equipment thereof, knowing such
information to be false, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
Sec. 15. Section 147A.12, subsection 1, Code 1989, is
amended to read as follows:

31 1. This chapter does not restrict a registered nurse, 32 licensed pursuant to chapter 152, from staffing an authorized 33 ambulance, service-or rescue, squad or first response service 34 provided the registered nurse can document equivalency through 35 education and additional skills training essential in the

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1 delivery of prehospital emergency care. The equivalency shall
2 be accepted when:

3 a. Documentation has been reviewed and approved at the 4 local level by the medical director of the ambulance, or 5 rescue, squad or first response service in accordance with the 6 rules of the board of nursing developed jointly with the board 7 of medical examiners.

b. Authorization has been granted to that ambulance, or
9 rescue, squad or first response service by the department.
10 Sec. 16. Section 232.68, subsection 4, Code 1989, is
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4. "Health practitioner" includes a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopath, osteopathic physician and surgeon,
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15 or intern in any of such professions; and-any a registered
16 nurse or licensed practical nurse; and a basic emergency
17 medical care provider certified under section 147.161 or an
18 advanced emergency medical care provider certified under
19 section 147A.6.

20 Sec. 17. Section 232.69, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 21 1989, is amended to read as follows:

b. Every self-employed social worker, every social worker 22 23 under the jurisdiction of the department of human services, 24 any social worker employed by a public or private agency or 25 institution, public or private health care facility as defined 26 in section 135C.1, certified psychologist, certificated school 27 employee, employee or operator of a licensed child care center 28 or registered group day care home or registered family day 29 care home, individual licensee under chapter 237, member of 30 the staff of a mental health center, peace officer, dental 31 hygienist, counselor, paramedic, or mental health 32 professional, who, in the course of employment or in providing 33 child foster care, examines, attends, counsels or treats a 34 child and reasonably believes a child has suffered abuse. 35 EXPLANATION

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This bill establishes the category of advanced emergency 1 2 medical care provider. The new category makes it possible for 3 first responders to use advanced emergency medical care in the 4 emergency prehospital setting. The bill also extends 5 mandatory reporting of child and adult abuse to all basic and 6 advanced emergency medical care providers.

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT

SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY Automated (automatic) defibrillator -- a device that "jump-10 starts" the heart -- now makes it possible for first ll responders (a level of basic emergency medical care provider) 12 to use this lifesaving tool in the emergency prehospital 13 setting. This is considered a very important level of 14 emergency care provider, especially in rural areas where 15 ambulance response times will be more than 4 to 6 minutes. The primary purpose of the proposed changes to Code of

17 Iowa, chapter 147A, is to permit the establishment of a new 18 level of "advanced" care provider -- First Responder-19 Defibrillation. The current language only permits Emergency 20 Medical Tehnicians to perform "advanced" care. Several other 21 terminology and "clean-up" changes have been included. (NOTE: 22 Minor changes in Iowa Code sections 85.61 and 147.1 are also 23 necessary to remain consistent with terminology.)

Emergency medical care providers are often the first health 24 25 care providers to care for victims of suspected child or adult 26 abuse. However, Code of Iowa, chapter 232 requires only 27 "Paramedics" to be mandatory reporters of suspected child 28 abuse. It is generally believed that the word "Paramedic" was 29 intended to apply to all Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 30 personnel, however, it only applies to one level of provider. 31 Chapter 235B does not require the Paramedics to also report 32 adult abuse.

The proposed changes would specifically place all "basic 33 34 and advanced" emergency medical care providers under the 35 mandatory child and adult abuse reporting system. The

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1 required abuse training will be incorporated in the EMS
2 provider's continuing education requirements through
3 administrative rules (with no net increase in the total number
4 of hours required).
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HOUSE FILE 371 S-3557 Amend House File 371, as passed by the House, as 2 follows: 1. Page 11, by inserting after line 3, the 3 4 following: . Section 321.423, subsection 3, Code 5 "Sec 6 1989, is amended to read as follows: 3. BLUE LIGHT. A blue light shall not be used on 7 8 any vehicle except: a. A vehicle owned or exclusively operated by a 9 10 fire department; or 11 b. A vehicle authorized by the director city 12 council or county board of supervisors when: (1) The vehicle is owned by a member of a fire 13 14 department. (2) The request for authorization is made by the 15 16 member on forms provided by the department city 17 council or county board of supervisors. (3) Necessity for authorization is demonstrated in 18 19 the request. (4) The chief of the fire department certifies 20 21 that the member is in good standing with the fire 22 department and recommends that the authorization be 23 granted." 24 By renumbering as necessary. By MARK R. HAGERLA -3557 FILED APRIL 5, 1989 Withdrawn 412-89 (p1389)

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SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 371

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Amend House File 371 as follows: 2 1. Page 8, line 23, by inserting after the word 3 "designee," the following: "<u>or</u>".

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HOUSE FILE 371

AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 85.61, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

"Worker" or "employee" includes a basic <u>emergency medical</u> <u>care provider as defined in section 147.1</u>, or <u>an</u> advanced emergency medical care provider as defined in section $85\pi63\pi$ subsections-147-157-and-16 147A.1, only if an agreement is reached between the basic or advanced emergency medical care provider and the employer for whom the volunteer services are provided that workers' compensation coverage under chapters 85, 85A, and 85B is to be provided by the employer. <u>A basic</u> or advanced emergency medical care provider who is a "worker" or "employee" under this paragraph is not a casual employee.

Sec. 2. Section 85.61, subsection 6, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

Personal injuries sustained by basic or-advanced emergency medical care providers, as defined in section 147.1, subsections-7-and-8 or by advanced emergency medical care providers as defined in section 147A.1, arise in the course of employment if the injuries are sustained at any time from the time the emergency medical care providers are summoned to duty until the time those duties have been fully discharged.

Sec. 3. Section 85.61, subsections 14, 15, and 16, Code 1989, are amended by striking the subsections.

Sec. 4. Section 147.1, subsection 8, Code 1989, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 5. Section 147.1, subsection 9, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

9. "First responder" means an individual trained in patient-stabilizing techniques, through the use of initial basic emergency medical care procedures and skills prior to the arrival of an ambulance or-rescue-squad, pursuant to rules established by the department, and who is currently certified as a first responder by the department.

Sec. 6. Section 147A.1, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

147A.1 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

 "Advanced emergency medical care" means such medical procedures as:

a. Administration of intravenous solutions.

b. Intubation.

c. Performance of cardiac defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion.

d. Administration of emergency drugs as provided by rule by the board.

e. Any other medical procedure approved by the board, by rule, as appropriate to be performed by advanced EMTs-and paramedics <u>emergency medical care providers</u> who have been trained in that procedure.

2. "ENT" is an abbreviation used in lieu of the term "emergency medical technician".

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4 3. "Advanced EMP <u>emergency medical care provider</u>" means an individual trained to provide advanced emergency medical care <u>at the first-responder-defibrillation</u>, EMT-

<u>defibrillation, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic level or other</u> <u>certification levels adopted by rule by the board</u>, and who has been issued an advanced EMT <u>a</u> certificate by the board. 5:--"Paramedic"-means-an: individual-trained-in-sti-areas of advanced-emergency-medical: care; and who has been issued a paramedic-certificate-by-the board;

6.4. "Director" means the director of the lowa department of public health.

7 5. "Department" means the Iowa department of public bealth.

 $8 \frac{6}{6}$. "Board" means the board of medical examiners appointed pursuant to section 147.14, subsection 2.

9 7. "Physician" means an individual licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

Sec. 7. Section 147A.4, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

147A.4 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

1. The department shall adopt rules required or authorized by this chapter pertaining to the operation of ambulance, services-and rescue, squad and first response services which have received authorization under section 147A.5 to utilize the services of certified advanced BMTs-or-parametics <u>emergency medical care providers</u>. These rules shall include, but need not be limited to, requirements concerning physician supervision, necessary equipment and staffing, and reporting by ambulance, services-and rescue, squad and first response services which have received the authorization pursuant to section 147A.5.

2. The board shall adopt rules required or authorized by this chapter pertaining to the examination and certification of advanced BMPs-and-paramedies <u>emergency medical care</u> <u>providers</u>. These rules shall include, but need not be limited to, requirements concerning prerequisites, training, and experience for advanced BMPs-and-paramedies <u>emergency medical</u> <u>care providers</u> and procedures for determining when individuals have met these requirements.

The board shall establish the fee for the examination of the advanced BMTs-and-paramedics emergency medical care providers to cover the administrative costs of the examination program.

Sec. 8. Section 147A.5, subsections 1 and 3, Code 1989, are amended to read as follows:

147A.5 APPLICATIONS FOR ADVANCED ENT-AND-PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE SERVICES -- APPROVAL --DENIAL, PROBATION, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.

1. An ambulance, service-or rescue, squad <u>or first</u> <u>response</u> service in this state regularly-engaged-in transporting-patients, that desires to provide advanced emergency medical care before-or-during-the-transportation in <u>the prehospital setting</u>, shall apply to the department for authorization to establish a program utilizing certified advanced EMPs-or-paramedics <u>emergency medical care providers</u> for delivery of the care at the scene of an emergency, during transportation to a hospital, or while in the hospital emergency department, and until care is directly assumed by a physician or by authorized hospital personnel.

3. The department may deny an application for authorization to establish a program utilizing the services of certified advanced BMTs-or-paramedics <u>emergency medical care</u> <u>providers</u>, or may place on probation, suspend, or revoke existing authorization if the department finds reason to believe the program has not been or will not be operated in compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, or that there is insufficient assurance of adequate protection for the public. The denial or period of probation, suspension, or revocation shall be effected and may be appealed as provided by section 17A.12.

Sec. 9. Section 147A.6, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

147A.6 ADVANCED BNY-AND-PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY HEDICAL CARE PROVIDER CERTIFICATES -- RENEWAL.

1. The board, upon application and receipt of the prescribed fee, shall issue a certificate attesting to the

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qualifications of an individual who has met all of the requirements for advanced ENT-or-paramedic <u>emergency</u> medical <u>care provider</u> certification established by the rules promulgated adopted under section 147A.4, subsection 2.

2. An-advanced-EMP-or-paramedic-certificate-is <u>Advanced</u> <u>emergency medical care provider certificates are</u> valid for the multiyear period determined by the board, unless sooner suspended or revoked. The certificate shall be renewed upon application of the holder and receipt of the prescribed fee if the holder has satisfactorily completed continuing medical education programs as required by rule.

Sec. 10. Section 147A.7, subsection 1, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board may deny an application for issuance or renewal of an advanced EMP-or-paramedic <u>emergency medical</u> care <u>provider</u> certificate, or suspend or revoke the certificate when it finds that the applicant or certificate holder is guilty of any of the following acts or offenses:

a. Negligence in performing authorized services.

b. Pailure to follow the directions of the supervising physician.

c. Rendering treatment not authorized under this chapter.

d. Fraud in procuring certification.

e. Professional incompetency.

f. Knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representation in the practice of a profession or engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. Proof of actual injury need not be established.

g. Habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of drugs.

h. Fraud in representations as to skill or ability.

i. Willful or repeated violations of this chapter or of rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

j. Violating a statute of this state, another state, or the United States, without regard to its designation as either

a felony or misdemeanor, which relates to the practice of an advanced EMP-or-paramedic <u>emergency medical care provider</u>. A copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty is conclusive evidence of the violation.

k. Having certification to practice as an advanced BMT-or peramedic <u>emergency medical care provider</u> revoked or suspended, or having other disciplinary action taken by a licensing or certifying authority of another state, territory, or country. A certified copy of the record or order of suspension, revocation, or disciplinary action is conclusive or prima facie evidence.

Sec. 11. Section 147A.8, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

147A.8 AUTHORITY OF CERTIPIED ADVANCED EMT-OR-PARAMEBIE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER.

An advanced BNP-or-paramedic <u>emergency medical care</u> provider properly certified under this chapter may:

1. Render advanced emergency medical care, rescue, and lifesaving services in those areas for which the advanced ENP or-paramedic <u>emergency medical care provider</u> is certified, as defined and approved in accordance with the rules of the board, at the scene of an emergency, during transportation to a hospital or while in the hospital emergency department, and until care is directly assumed by a physician or by authorized hospital personnel.

2. Function in any hospital when:

a. Enrolled as a student or participating as a preceptor in a training program approved by the board; or

 b. Fulfilling continuing education requirements as defined by rule; or

c. Employed by or assigned to a hospital as a member of an authorized ambulance, service-or rescue, squad-for-prehospital care or first response service, by rendering lifesaving services in the facility in which employed or assigned pursuant to the advanced BMT*s-or-parametic*s emergency

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<u>medical care provider</u>'s certification and under the direct supervision of a physician or registered nurse. When <u>An</u> <u>advanced emergency medical care provider shall not routinely</u> <u>function without the direct supervision of a physician or</u> <u>registered nurse.</u> However, when the physician or registered nurse cannot directly assume emergency care of the patient, the advanced EMP-or-paramedic <u>emergency medical care provider</u> may perform without direct supervision advanced emergency medical care procedures for which that individual is certified if in-the-judgment-of-the-physician-or-registered-nurse the life of the patient is in immediate danger and such care is required to preserve the patient's life; or

d. Employed by or assigned to a hospital as a member of an authorized ambulance, service-or rescue, squad-for-prehospital care or first response service to perform nonlifesaving procedures for which those individuals have been trained and are designated in a written job description. Such procedures may be performed after the patient is observed by and when the advanced EMP-or-parametic <u>emergency medical care provider</u> is under the supervision of the physician or registered nurse and where the procedure may be immediately abandoned without risk to the patient.

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2. If communications fail during an emergency situation, the advanced EMP-or-paramedic emergency medical care provider may perform any advanced emergency medical care procedure for which that individual is certified and which is included in written protocols if in the judgment of the advanced EMP-or paramedic emergency medical care provider the life of the patient is in immediate danger and such care is required to preserve the patient's life.

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employee, employee or operator of a licensed child care center or registered group day care home or registered family day care home, individual licensee under chapter 237, member of the staff of a mental health center, peace officer, dental hygienist, counselor, paramedic, or mental health professional, who, in the course of employment or in providing child foster care, examines, attends, counsels or treats a child and reasonably believes a child has suffered abuse.

> DONALD D. AVENSON Speaker of the House

JO ANN ZIMMERMAN President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 371, Seventy-third General Assembly.

> JOSEPH O'HERN Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD Governor